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Chief in and over the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, with full power and authority to appoint officers, both civil and military within the same. I, reposing special Trust in your Loyalty and Courage and Good Conduct, do by these presents appoint you, the said Andrew Lockridge, Captain of the Militia of the County of Augusta. You are therefore to act as Captain by exercising officers and soldiers under your command. Taking particular care that they are provisioned with arms and ammunition as the laws of the Colonies direct, and you are to observe and follow di-

It will be seen above that the pioneer, John Graham had four daughters, Jane, Florence, Betty and Anne. My four daughters, Betsy, Florence, Anne and Jane are of the seventh generation from grandsire Graham and by peculiar coincidence bear the same names as his daughters. I know when mother named our children she knew little about her Graham ancestry, but was merely following the good old custom of bestowing family names.

Note must be made too that the popular name of Lanty in Pocahontas county comes from Lancelot, the eldest son of John Graham.]

rections from time to time as you shall receive from me or any other superior officer according to the rules of discipline of war in pursuance of the trust reposed in you.

"Given at Williamsburg under my hand and Seal of the Colony this 18th day of March and in the eighth year of his Majesties' reign, Annoque Domini 1768.

Signed, Dunmore."

His Excellency, John Earl of Dunmore, Viscount, Fincastle; Baron Murray, of Blair, Monlin and of Tillimont, Lieutenant, and Governor General of his Majesties' Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice Admiral of the same.

This is on parchment and in fine scroll, trimmed with a golden seal and pale blue ribbon. The original is still in the possession of a descendant in Virginia, Captain William Austin.

Some marriage records from Crankley.

Thomas Gwinn married Elizabeth Lockridge, daughter of Samuel Lockridge, 1800. James Graham was witness.

Andrew Lockridge, Jr., and Christina Youell, March 20, 1797. William Youell, security.

John Leager and Sarah Gwinn, wife of Captain Lockridge, 1740.

Robert Gray and Rebecca Lockridge, daughter of Robert Lockridge, November 10, 1789. John Lockridge.

John's Note. The Lockridge settlement of Pocahontas county are descendants of Lanty Lockridge. The name was that of John Lockridge.

close friend of the Grahams and Lockridges, he qualified as guardian of one of William Graham's orphans in 1768. Captain Lockridge and his sister Elizabeth married children of John Graham.

3 Robert Graham married Elizabeth Lockridge June 24, 1762. Robert Graham administered Florence Graham's estate, Resuel Joseph Walkup, but the suit never came to trial because Graham died. In 1774, Captain Andrew Lockridge was made guardian for Sarah and Jane Graham, daughters of his sister Elizabeth. The Robert Graham who died in 1768 may have been of another family, but I doubt it. His widow Elizabeth, afterwards married Samuel Greim. In 1776 they settled on Mudly Creek in Summers county. She died at Lowell, West Virginia, leaving a large number of descendants.

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10. Anne became the wife of John Kincaid, and she is the ancestress of so many residents of Virginia and West Virginia that it would take a volume to tell of them all.

If there is any way I can help any of the descendants of John Graham to trace their lines, I will be glad to do it, if they will write me.

John Graham, Sr., remembered all his children in 1771 quite substantially. His will may be of as much interest to his descendants in Pocahontas county, as it was to me, also a descendant:

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Wm. Barnett, Clerk.

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married John Kincaid
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Rebecca born
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married Joseph Robinson ?
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Florence born
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married James Graham her cousin Son of Wm Graham Who died 1749
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The last will and testament of John Graham, Senior,
In the name of God, Amen: 29th day of July, 1771, I, John Graham, being sick in body but
of sound mind and memory, thanks to God Almighty, and calling to remembrance the un-
certain estate of this transitory life that all flesh must yield to death when it
pleaseth God to call. I do make constitute and ordain this my last will and testament
in the manner and form following. Revocating and annulling by these presents, all former
wills and testaments either written or by word of mouth; this to be my last and none
other.

First I recommend my soul to my Redeemer Lord and Savior, my body to the dust.
To be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named and appointed.
As to my worldly goods which God hath granted me; I leave and bequeath viz: To my eldest
son, I desire and leave my plantation whereon I dwell to him and his heirs forever;
upon his allowing my beloved wife, her living off of it, with what stock she pleases to
keep. Also said I desire is to give six pounds to James Graham's son John and six pounds
to his son John's son John.

...r, Anne, I leave thirty pounds my roan horse and a chest of drawers.
...oved wife Elizabeth, twenty pounds, my bay mare, two cows, and her choise of
the flocks, and all household goods plenishings.

To Jane Lockridge I leave fifteen pounds.

To Rebbecca my silver buckles. To her son John one cow.

To Robert Graham half the mill that belongs to me.

To Florence Ten pounds.

To Elizabeth ten pounds.

To my two sons Robert and John Graham Ten pounds each.

To Bebecca, Lancelot Graham's daughter, ten pounds.

All the rest of the estate being left to my wife to be used and enjoyed by her; whilst
unmarried, but if she marry to be equally divided between my daughters Florence, Jane,
Elizabeth and Anne; and if she never marries this property is to be left to my four
daughters at her death.

I also appoint my Beloved wife Elizabeth and my son Lancelot my executors. I
hereby revoke all other wills appointing and making this my last will in the eleventh
year of the reign of his Majesty, Lord George King of Great Brittain, A.D. 1771.

Signed, seal, published, and pronounced in the presents of

John Graham

Joseph Robinson
John Kincaid
John Armstrong

At a court for Augusta Co. Va. Nov. 19th, 1771 the last will and testament of
John Graham, deceased, was proven by oath of John Kincaid and John Armstrong, two
witnesses and ordered recorded.

And on the motion of Lanty and Elizabeth Graham the executors there in named.
Who made oath according to Law.

Certificate Granted them for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form and having with
security entered into and acknowledged their Bond according to Law.

Teste

Wm. A. Burnette Clk.,

th Graham was living in the Year of 1779 In that Year there is an account
Lancelot Graham settling their executorship with the court. They paid 240
11 shillings and three pence, 1200 pounds in silver, This was the personal prop
besides legacies.

In addition to the bequests mentioned in the foregoing will the records of
Augusta Co. show that in the year of 1763 John Graham, Senior deed to each of his
three sons a large plantation on the Calf Pasture river. It is presumed that he gave
each of his daughters an estate in addition that named in the will.

John Graham the Second married Martha Patton lived and died on a portion of his
father's land on the Calf Pasture. He had 5 sons and 3 daughters. John Graham the
Second born in 1726, died in 1815.

Martha, born

died

Their children's names were John 3rd, born
died
married ?
born
died

James born ?
died
married ?
born
died

Robert born
died
married Margaret Kinkaid
born
died

William born
died
married Isabella Pinkins
born
died

Leahy born
died
married
born
died

Margaret born
died
married
born
died

Elizabeth born
died
married Robert Bratton
born
died

Martha born
died 1832
married Robert Dunlap 1800
born 1772
died 1858

They had Robert Dunlap who married Miss McCutcheon he died in Crawfordville Indiana, of fever soon after he was married.

John Dunlap married Miss Crawford and died the same time as his brother Robert, of milk sickness.

Nancy Dunlap, born in 1796 married 1824 to James Templeton, a Presbyterian Minister who was a graduate of Hampden Sydney. He died in Indiana Henry Co. at the same time as his brothers in law. Nancy Dunlap Templeton with her two children returned to Va. made her home with her brother Charles Dunlap on a part of the ancestral estate of John Graham Senior. She had two children: James Templeton Jr. M.D. married and had Howard Templeton, writer and journalists. He died in 1925 at the White Sulphur Springs in West Va. He married and had children, names unknown.

Martha Templeton of Nancy Dunlap Templeton, died unmarried. Mitchell Dyer Dunlap (fourth child) born in 1809, became a leading presbyterian minister of his day in Pocahontas Co. W. Va. He had a classical school and was loved and revered and is mentioned as the first educator in W. Va. history. He was a graduate of Hampden Sydney College with a D.D. He married his cousin Mary Jane Dunlap _____ of Monroe Co. W. Va. (the child Robert was born and died in infancy.

1832 Child

Martha Dunlap married James Walker and their child's name was Jane Walker.

ed Dr. Mackey M.D.

Child

Patsy who married Louis Eratton and had Job, Mitchell and Rebecca

Mitchell Eratton lived and died near Millboro Va. _____ He married

Miss _____ Groves. Several children, names unknown.

Rebecca Eratton married Townley Cawthorn they had Charles, Ashley, Robert, Sally, Rosa, Patty and Margaret.

Charles Dunlap b 18__ d 1870 = 1852 -

Mar - Martha Pauline Alexander

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My father was the fourth child of this union

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Item - I recommend my body after my death to earth from whence it came to be buried in a decent manner & my soul unto my Heavenly father and it is my desire that all my funeral expenses and other lawful debts to be paid as soon as convenient as can be done after my decease

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